

# March 2003

## Update: Child Protective Proceedings Benchbook

### CHAPTER 2

#### Reporting & Investigation of Suspected Abuse & Neglect

##### 2.5 Persons Required to Report Suspected Abuse or Neglect

Insert the following bullet in the bulleted list on page 2-6:

- : members of the clergy; MCL 722.623, as amended by 2002 PA 693, effective March 1, 2003.

## CHAPTER 11

### Evidentiary Issues in Child Protective Proceedings

#### 11.4 Abrogation of Privileges in Protective Proceedings

Replace the first paragraph under Section 11.4 with the following:

MCL 722.631, as amended by 2002 PA 693, effective March 1, 2003, provides:

“Any legally recognized privileged communication except that between attorney and client or that made to a member of the clergy in his or her professional character in a confession or similarly confidential communication is abrogated and shall not constitute grounds for excusing a report otherwise required to be made or for excluding evidence in a civil child protective proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to [the Child Protection Law]. This section does not relieve a member of the clergy from reporting suspected child abuse or child neglect under [MCL 722.623] if that member of the clergy receives information concerning suspected child abuse or neglect while acting in any other capacity listed in [MCL 722.623].”